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PLANTS, SHRUBS, VINES, ETC.

..POT GROWN STRAWBERRY PLANTS..

Sunnyside Nursery

READING, MASS.

U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.



WE GROW our plants in 2 1/2 inch pots. They will be ready on and after Aug. 15th, and if set out any time before Sept. 25th, they will grow into fine plants and bear a full crop of luscious fruit the next spring, being a clear gain of one year over the "ground layer" plants usually supplied by others, which is certainly worth much more than the slight difference in first cost.

Pot grown strawberry plants are much superior to the ordinary ground layers usually sold as there is no loss of fine roots in taking them up, and they can be shipped safely to distant parts of the United States and Canada, and be transplanted at any season, and it scarcely checks their growth; the earlier the pot-grown plants can be planted after August 15th, the larger they will grow and the more they will produce the next Spring.

We do not offer a long list of varieties in Strawberries, but only such as may be fairly considered the best existing sorts. My soil is especially adapted for potting plants, which give fine roots, and having town water in my grounds and keeping them nicely moist they root quickly and are kept in a healthy, growing condition, and I feel confident that I can furnish plants of superior quality and my prices being so reasonable this season I expect to sell more plants this fall than ever before.

Delicious Strawberries

combine pleasure and profit; think of the satisfaction of picking large, luscious, richly flavored berries, fresh from your own garden. Consider the advantage of serving perfect berries instead of the kind that have passed through a frozen hands before reaching your table. So easy to grow; a trifling amount of trouble, and very little space is required to raise sufficient for an ordinary family. What's to hinder you from having your own patch of 100 plants or more? We offer excellent stock, fine, healthy, potted plants, with plenty of roots, that will produce a good crop of fruit next summer. We have the following varieties of Potted Strawberry Plants for sale this season.

STRAWBERRY CULTIVATION

WE GIVE below a cut of a very excellent plan of setting plants to be grown by hill system. The plants are set in rows 18 in. between them and same distance apart in the rows. Then a space of three feet left for horse cultivation and three rows of plants planted as before. There is a great advantage in hill culture over the matted row system where fine-sized berries are in demand. Planted in this manner it will take 14,520 plants to set an acre. Should the plants yield under high culture a quart to each plant, which has been done time and time again, and the berries command only ten cents a quart (a low price for extra fine fruit) the yield in money value would support a good-sized family and have something left. Always use high culture and plenty of manure and water with the hill system. Grow extra fine fruit where there is a demand for it. Where there is only a market for low-priced fruit the matted row system will answer. You will have the quantity at the expense of size and quality.



SAMPLE, GREAT SCOTT, PRESIDENT AND CARDINAL are **PISTILLATE** berries and must have every **FIFTH ROW** of some perfect or Staminate berries set with them if you expect any fruit next year.

I believe I have the finest collection of Strawberries that can be found. I have endeavored to grow nothing but the very best varieties. If one can not find anything to his liking among those I am potting this season he need look no farther. First and best on the list of varieties is the tried and true Old Reliable

SAMPLE (P) It has never been equalled in productiveness, and for filling one's pocketbook with \$\$\$ and cents is one of the most popular varieties ever introduced. It is one of the very best pistillate kinds in cultivation. The plant is large and healthy, and makes plenty of runners. However close to each other the plants may stand in the bed, every one will bear. The plant is well anchored by a great mass of roots which insure it against drouth and frost. It is a great bearer of large, roundish berries, dark red to the centre, moderately firm, and of good quality. The fruit is large to the close of the season. Late. Remember, I am headquarters for this berry and you are sure of getting plants true to name.

Price of pot grown plants 50c. doz., \$2.50 per 100, \$20 per 1000.

The second best Strawberry is

The Abington

(S) Ever since I introduced the Sample in 1898 every strawberry grower has been on the lookout for a good Staminate berry to set with the Sample; but they have looked in vain; it was not produced until the Abington made its appearance last year. I honestly believe it to be the finest staminate berry ever put on the market and when its merits are known there will be a great demand for the plants. It is a great cropper and very firm, large size. I have not seen a hole in it yet—it is a "cracker-jack." Watch it closely, it is a safe berry to plant. Take the Sample and the Abington and you have a whole team and a strong one. My stock of potted plants this season is small. Price 75c. dozen, \$3.50 per 100, none by the thousand.

Mead

(S) Mr. Mead writes:—"It is a good thrifty grower, with heavy foliage, perfect blossoms, and fruit as near perfection in shape and form as any I ever saw. The fruit is reddish and solid, and to my taste one of the best in quality. It is a heavy cropper of good berries which hold their size well till close of season. It colors evenly, with no white tips well on all kinds of land. I sold every plant I had of this variety this spring so have not found it myself. 50c. per dozen, \$2.50 per 100, 20.00 per 1000,

Great Scott (P) This a cross of the Bubach and Belmont so it has good blood in it. It is after the Marshall class of fancy fruit only it will out-yeild it two to one. **75c.** per dozen, **\$3.50** per 100.

Glen Mary (S) With some growers this is their standby and is enormously productive; large fruit and a good market berry. I get sold out of plants every season. **50c.** per dozen, **\$2.50** per 100.

North Shore (S) NEW. This magnificent berry is a seedling of the Brandywine and like its parent is a fine berry to plant with Pistillates. It is a large berry, as large as any berry grown. It is one of the finest berries I ever grow for market. It will stand any amount of handling and not soften up in the hands. Marketmen will take it every time in preference to anything else on account of its fine keeping qualities, and in the crates it is a beauty. It is one of the finest family berries I have. It has a flavor such as I never saw in any strawberry before, very much like lemonade, ONLY VERY SWEET. The North Shore is too good to sell, and just right to use at home or to give to one's best friends. A fine one to set with the Sample for a fertilizer. **50c.** per dozen, **\$2.50** per 100, **20.00** per 1000.

The Commonwealth (S) AS LARGE AS THE "SAMPLE". A WEEK LATER. A STRONG STAMINATE VARIETY. A berry nearly as dark as the Marshall. Smooth, similar to Old Jocunda, bright and glossy. A berry that will stand the rough handling of expressmen. Good grower, with short, stocky foliage which never rusts. It is an accidental seedling of the Marshall or Wolverton. It has just the qualities that Boston men require, namely: A FIRM DARK RED BERRY AND LARGE SIZE. In size and firmness the Sample is out of sight. Just to see how the fruit compared I had a boy pick a quart of each just as they grew in common field culture side by side. The Sample had 80 berries to the quart; Commonwealth 53. It was the third picking of Sample and second of the Commonwealth. **50c.** per dozen; **\$2.50** per 100.

President (P) The President is a strong grower, with large, luxuriant dark foliage, fruit stalk thick and erect, carrying large clusters of beautiful berries, absolutely uniform in shape, almost round and of extra large size, flesh solid without pithy cores. Color, rich crimson. It is exceedingly productive and PRODUCES STRICTLY FANCY FRUIT clear to the end of the season. **50c.** per dozen, **\$2.50** per 100.

Marshall (S) I bought this berry when it was first put on the market and paid \$10 per dozen for the plants. I grew it for six years and then discarded it for the reason that I could not afford to grow it for I only got one good crop. I have got a new stock. I was obliged to for there is a great demand for the plants and I now have as fine, stocky plants as ever was grown on new land. It is just a little better berry than any other in existence for a family berry. It is O. K. **50c.** per dozen, **\$3.00** per 100.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST **The Great "CARDINAL" Strawberry (P)**

Healthy

Vigorous

Productive

High Quality

PRICE FOR POTTED PLANTS **\$1.00** PER DOZEN **\$5.00** PER 100.

Where shall I begin? Four years ago my attention was called to this berry by M. Crawford, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. He wrote about it and told me to get it just as soon as it was offered for sale, saying that it was, in his opinion, the best berry ever grown and to put in all the money I could spare for plants. It was offered for sale in 1905 and I bought all I could, which was not many, for no one could purchase over 25 plants. The stock was limited. I made the most of what I had and would not sell a plant to any one last spring and I am pushing them for all I am worth. I want a large stock just as soon as I can get it, for it is backed up by some good reliable parties and I have great confidence in its being a berry for the grower. The following two letters are from parties that have fruited it and were written to the introducer last year:

THE OPINION OF A STRAWBERRY EXPERT.

THE TEMPLIN CO.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO, July 17, 1905.

"After watching the Cardinal Strawberry for three years, my candid opinion is that it is one of our most valuable varieties, and that it will become a favorite when better known. It fruited here this year in a matted row, and I think that every plant bloomed, and every bloom was followed by a berry. I consider the plant a model in every way and the fruit possesses every desirable characteristic. It is an astonishing grower, and I expect to hear of its being planted four by six feet—1815 plants to the acre—raising a full crop of early potatoes on the ground, and then the full matted rows after the potatoes are dug in July. Mr. Streater told me that he thought he could cover an acre with one thousand plants, and I believe it. It would do you good to see the plants that I planted in the spring. They have far surpassed any other variety on the place."

M. CRAWFORD,

Sunnyside Nursery, Reading, Mass.

A DECISION AFTER 35 YEARS OF PRACTICAL STRAWBERRY GROWING. THE TEMPLIN CO.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 16, 1905.

I suppose you are anxious to hear regarding the behavior of the "Cardinal," which, I am pleased to state, has been all that Mr. Streater and you have claimed for it. We are just through picking it, commencing June 20. It is a *great berry*, and I have never enjoyed picking a berry so much as I have picking the Cardinal. They produced the *most beautiful clusters of berries I have ever seen during my 35 years growing berries*. They were shown in a window of one of my customers, on the principal street of this city, where crowds of people halted to admire them. The berries were borne on stems 10 to 12 inches long, and the clusters were far more *perfect and beautiful* than the illustration that was shown in the Government Yearbook.

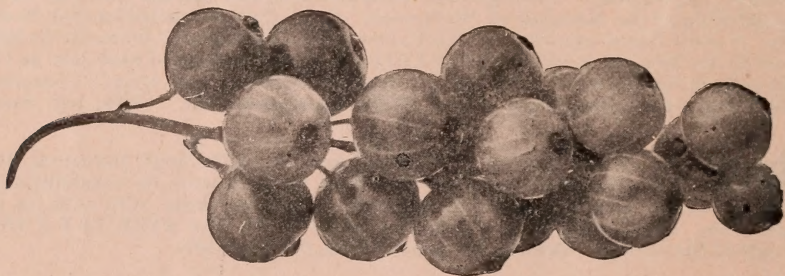
The Cardinal is very productive, of good size, good color, stands up well, and the flavor is all right, but lively. The berries grow on strong, tall stems and are easy to pick. It is not what would be termed a "very large" berry but it is *large*. You are at liberty to use anything I have written about the Cardinal, as I feel that "the half has never been told" of its *good points*. The plants produced berries *three weeks* and the foliage now stands up *12 to 15 inches high*, fresh and green. If I can give any further information I shall be glad to do it.

Police Station No. 1, Providence, R. I.

Yours very truly,
A. W. CLARK.

Josselyn Gooseberry A Magnificent Success. It has no rival. Best grower, best foliage and most profitable fruiter, when compared with any other Gooseberry in existence. The freest of all Gooseberries from mildew, both in leaf and fruit. If you have not the Josselyn you may be sure you have not the best Gooseberry.

15c. each, \$1.50 per dozen.



THE PERFECTION CURRANT

Awarded the Barry Medal, the fifty dollar gold medal of the Western New York Horticultural Society, July, 1901, after three years' trial. The first fruit to receive this grand prize for ten years. Also received Highest Award given any new fruit at the Pan-American Exposition. At the St. Louis Exposition the Perfection was awarded the only gold medal given to any Currant. Color bright red. Size larger than Fay, with larger bunches having long stems, making them easy to pick. A great cropper, being superior to Fay or any other large sort. Quality less acid and better than any large currant in cultivation. A good grower, with foliage remarkably large and healthy. At New York Agricultural College it was tested FOR THREE YEARS IN COMPETITION WITH SIXTY VARIETIES and on its general merits came out ahead of all introduced varieties.

50c. each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Fay's Prolific Perhaps no other Currant has received so much praise as Fay. It is very large and always sells well and at a high price. We consider it does better on heavy clay soil, well manured, and thoroughly cultivated, than on lighter soil.

Two year old plants \$1.00 dozen, \$5.00 per 100.

Three year old plants \$1.25 dozen.

New Gooseberry Currant---CRUNELL'S

We ask attention to this famous new berry. The bush looks like a currant, but the fruit resembles a gooseberry. It is an upright healthy grower, hardy everywhere, is THORNLESS, and remarkably free from mildew and other disease. The currant worm does not prey upon it at all. Sure to bear fruit every year. The berries make excellent jelly and preserves of a most sprightly flavor. Every one who has a garden should give it a trial.

Two year old plants 25c. each, \$2.50 per dozen.

Everything on this page can be transplanted safely after Oct. 1st.

GRAPES

HARDY GRAPES for the **NEW ENGLAND STATES**. There are too many varieties that are not especially valuable. I have selected the cream, all first-class 2-year old vines.

BRIGHTON. Red. Bunch medium to large, long, compact, shouldered; berries medium; skin thin; flesh tender, sweet, with scarcely any pulp; quality best. Vine a vigorous grower, healthy, hardy and productive; one of the best early red grapes. The flowers have reflexed stamens and do not always fertilize fully unless planted with Concord, Worden, Martha, or other varieties which blossom at the same time. Ripens with Delaware. Each **35c.**

CONCORD. This has been for many years the grape for the million. Bunch and berries large. Black, fair quality, medium early. Vine very healthy, hardy and productive. The most extensively planted grape in America. Each **10c.**

DIAMOND. White. Bunch large, compact, shouldered; berries large, round; skin thin, but tough; flesh tender, juicy, but with little pulp. Vine a good grower, with thick, healthy foliage; hardy and productive; of fine quality. Ripens a little before Concord. Each **25c.**

DELAWARE. Ripens before Concord. This has been considered by many one of the best, if not THE best, American grape. It does not succeed in all localities. Requires strong soil and good culture. Light red, hardy; bunches and berries of medium size. Each **25c.**

EATON. Black. Similar in foliage to Concord. In growth, health, hardiness of vine, and in every other respect its equal, while in size of bunch and berry it is much larger and more attractive. Bunch very large, compact, double shouldered; berries very large, many 1 inch in diameter, round, black, covered with a heavy blue bloom, adheres firmly to the stem; skin thin, but tough; pulp tender, separating freely from the seeds and dissolving easily in the mouth; very juicy. Ripens with Concord or a little earlier. Each **35c.**

GREEN'S EARLY. A new white grape. A chance seedling of Concord type, discovered in Portland, Chautauqua County, New York, about 1887. Bunch and berry medium to large; quality fine; ripens very early, before Moore's Early. A good shipping grape. Each **50c.**

GREEN MOUNTAIN (or Winchell). White, very early. Berries drop from the stem and it is not a good shipper. A fine grape for amateurs, however. Each **50c.**

LINDLEY (Rogers No. 9). Red. Everything desirable as to quality for table or wine. Is a strong grower, healthy and hardy. Should be in every garden and is desirable for extensive planting. Early. Each **25c.**

MOORE'S EARLY. Black and very valuable. Two to three weeks earlier than Concord. Bunch medium, berries larger than Concord. It has taken first prize at Massachusetts Horticultural Society for many years. Should be in every garden. Each **25c.**

NIAGARA. White. Bunch very large and handsome, often shouldered, compact; berries large, round; skin thin, tough, does not crack, and carries well; has not much pulp when fully ripe; melting, sweet, with a flavor and aroma peculiarly its own, and agreeable to most tastes; ripens with Concord, sometimes a little earlier. Each **25c.**

VERGENNES. Red. Bunch and berry large, flavor rich. Medium early, a good keeper, and a very promising grape. A little later than Concord. Each **25c.**

WORDEN. Black. Bunch and berry large; fruit better than Concord, also earlier and larger. Vine vigorous, healthy, hardy and productive. Is becoming very popular. Each **25c.**

The Ruby Red Raspberry

Its strong points: The best berry to grow for profit. This grand variety was originated at Marlborough, N. Y., and is a seedling of the well known variety "Marlboro." It is a strong grower of large, hardy canes, and a good plant maker. It ripens with the earliest, and continues picking a long season. Its fruit is large, bright red in color, exceedingly firm and of a good flavor. It stands shipment long distances, being shipped daily from Marlborough, N. Y., to Boston, through its whole season. It has been grown commercially for seven years, and today stands ahead of all others as a berry for the grower to plant for profit.

75c. per dozen, \$2.50 per 100, \$15 per thousand.

When you send an order please send name of any friends who would like our catalogue

HARDY PERENNIAL PHLOXES

PHLOX PERENNIAL.



We know of nothing in hardy plants as showy and effective as a fine collection of hardy phloxes, and the new and improved varieties that have been introduced recently will add very much to their popularity. We have had nothing on our trial grounds in years that has attracted so much attention and favorable comment as our Phloxes have the past season, and it is with pleasure that we offer our collection which embraces the newest and choicest varieties obtainable—the finest productions of the French hybridizers and the choicest sorts of recent introductions—and we can recommend nothing that will give greater satisfaction. Some of the varieties are exceedingly brilliant and introduce new shades of color. In others the flowers are exceedingly large and the coloring very desirable, making all together a grand collection. They can be had in full bloom from June until very late fall, and we know of nothing that can be planted that will give more general satisfaction than a fine collection of hardy Phloxes such as we offer.

Price 15c. each, \$1.50 per doz.,

except where noted with an *. Order by number and not by name to avoid mistakes.

- 1 **Amphitryon** Long pyramid panicles, flowers lilac and white in rays from the centre.
- 2 **Astiba-Rehu** Large flowers with undulated petals, violet purple, with very large, white centre.
- 3 **Argon** Light, silvery pink, shading to white at centre.
- 4 **Aquillon** Carmine rose, shaded salmon, crimson eye.
- 5 **Bridesmaid** Pure white with large crimson centre; very free flowering.
- 6 **B. Comte** Intensely rich purplish-crimson.
- 7 **Bacchante** A fine dark crimson, shading lighter toward the centre.
- 8 **Beranger** Salmon pink suffused with white, with rosy carmine eye.
- 9 **Colibri** White, with deep rose centre.
- 10 **Coquelicot** Bright salmon, tinted orange, purple centre. Large flowers and the brightest phlox yet introduced.
- 11 **Crepuscule** An exceedingly fine large flower, measuring a quarter of an inch larger than a silver dollar. White, shaded violet, with a very pronounced extra large carmine-purple eye. Late.
- 12 **Champs Elysee** Fine, rich purplish-crimson.
- 13 ***Carillon** Tall, bronze-red, violet centre, 25c. each.
- 14 **Eclaiseur** Purplish-crimson with light halo; a fine large flower.
- 15 **Edmund Rostand** Bright purplish-rose, with very large white centre; a fine flower and entirely distinct.
- 16 **Esclasmonde** Lilac, suffused with white, deep rose, colored eye.
- 17 **Eugene Danzenvillier** Lilac, suffused with white, deep rose, colored eye.
- 18 **Ferdinand Cortez** Purplish-rose, shaded bright orange toward centre — an exceedingly odd and beautiful color. Mid-season.

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- 19 **F. G. Von Lassburg** The finest white in cultivation, the individual flower being fully double the size of any other variety, pure in color and a strong, clean, vigorous grower. 25c. each.
- 20 **Grivelle** Red and white.
- 21 **Huxley** Violet-purple, with large centre of pure white, forming a star. Odd and beautiful. Late.
- 22 **Independence** Pure white, large flowers in bloom all summer. Be sure and have this in your collection.
- 23 **Iris** Dark purple violet.
- 24 **James Bennett** Light salmon rose, distinct.
- 25 **La Fondre** Deep purplish-crimson.
- 26 **La Nut** Deep purplish-crimson.
- 27 **La Malidi** Very bright deep purple.
- 28 **La Vague** Soft pink with red eye.
- 29 ***Le Siecle** Medium; bright rose pink 25c. each.
- 30 **Lanfoire** Tall, rosy scarlet, large violet centre.
- 31 **Lumineux** Tall, large flowers, brilliant rose, with a slight tinge of carmine; rosy white centre.
- 32 **Mrs. Dyer** White, with red centre.
- 33 **Mars-le-Tour** A very beautiful phlox. White, tinted flesh-pink, with a very large and pronounced bright carmine eye. Flower is extra large and very distinct. Extra choice. Late.
- 34 **Madame Meuret** Tall, flame color, changing to rich salmon; centre deep carmine; one of the very best varieties, and always satisfactory. We have had this Phlox for over twenty-five years. Not subject to mildew or any other disease.
- 35 **Matador** Brilliant orange scarlet with cherry red eye.
- 36 **Otto Thackler** Magenta-crimson.
- 37 **Pink Beauty** Pale pink, enormous spike.
- 38 **Pantheon** Fine deep salmon-rose, free and effective.
- 39 **Rayonnant** Bright purplish red; petals are edged on both sides with white, giving the flower a pronounced striped appearance. Very odd and beautiful. Late.
- 40 **Roxalaine** Bright purplish-crimson.
- 41 **R. B. Struthers** Compact, rounded panicles of large, well-formed flowers, pink, beautifully shaded magenta, but very bright and showy.
- 42 **Suffrage** Light pink, a lovely delicate shade. Early.
- 43 **Sunshine** Deep salmon pink with deep rose eye.
- 44 **Thebaide** Dwarf, salmon red, with crimson eye.
- 45 ***Von Goethe** A rich salmon-rose, shading to a white centre; a large flower, the finest of its color, 25c. each.
- 46 ***Von Hochberg** The ideal crimson Phlox, being several shades brighter than Le Malidi, heretofore considered the richest of its class. 25c. each.
- 46 **Wm. Ramsey** Deep velvety magenta, very bright, mid-season.

Phloxes can be transplanted any time after Oct. 1st until ground freezes up.

CRIMSON RAMBLER ROSE

This rose possesses more good qualities than any other variety ever introduced. Is of vigorous growth, making shoots from 8 to 10 feet in height during a season; and is consequently a most desirable climbing variety. When pegged down or grown as a bush, marvelous heads of bloom are the result. It is exceedingly hardy. As a pot plant it is unequalled for decorative purposes. The flowers with which the plant is covered in the spring are produced in large trusses of pyramidal form and of the brightest crimson color. The blooms remain on the plant for a great length of time without losing their brightness. The foliage is also retained to a great extent during the winter, making the plant almost an evergreen. Do not fail to include this when ordering. Price of plants: **Field grown, fine, stocky, 1 year old, by express 25c. each, 6 for \$1; 3 year old 75c. each, 6 for \$3. Set out last of October.**



**HYDRANGEA
PANICULATA
GRANDIFLORA**

This is a grand plant, easily grown, very showy and attractive, lasting in bloom for months; is perfectly hardy anywhere, needs no protection of any kind, and is, without any question, the finest hardy shrub in cultivation. It grows three to four feet high, is very bushy and compact, blooms in July, at a time when no other shrub is in flower, the flowers remaining beautiful until destroyed by frost. The flowers are pure white, afterwards changing to pink, and are borne in immense pyramidal clusters more than a foot long and nearly as much in diameter. Will bloom same season planted. Used largely in cemeteries.

Price: 25c. one year old,
\$2 per doz.; 75c. three year
old, \$4 per doz.

Extra stocky and well rooted, 4 year old \$1.00 each. Last of October and first of November time to transplant.

HERBACEOUS PAEONIES



It is surprising that these elegant plants are not now grown more generally than they are, as there is no plant that produces the effect on a lawn that these do. They are absolutely hardy everywhere, have no insect enemies, and always live and grow in beauty from year to year. They bloom in June and July. The flowers are well adapted for cutting. Our collection embraces white, pink, crimson and rose.

September is the best month to transplant Paeonies.

15c. each, \$1.50 per dozen.
Strong roots,